

# Greater Middletown Opioids Task Force

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 12pm

Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs:

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Executive Director, Ministerial Health Fellowship

Kevin Elak, RS/REHS, CP-FS, Director of Health, City of  
Middletown Department of Health



# Agenda

- Welcome New Members
- Data Updates
- Updates
- Ongoing Work:
  - Mission Statement
  - Purpose Statement
  - Subcommittees
- Member Spotlights:
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  - Detective Michael Small, Middletown Police Department
- Member Announcements



# Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal

September 18 – October 17, 2022

Cromwell, Durham, Middlefield, Middletown and Portland

# Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal



<b>Total Suspected Overdoses:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Suspected Fatal Overdoses:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Naloxone:</b>	<b>11</b>

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# Opioid Overdoses Nonfatal and Fatal



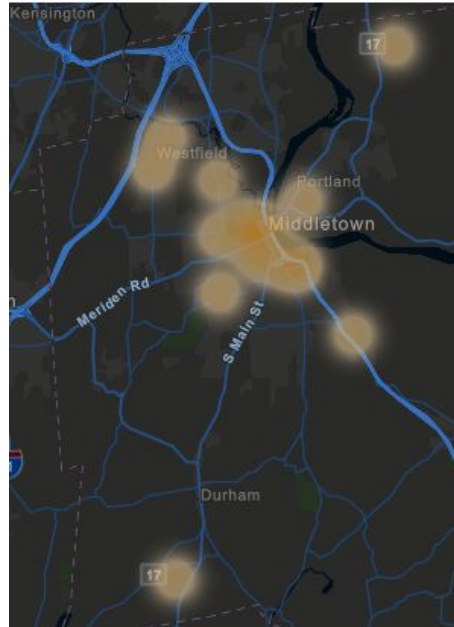
<b>Total Suspected Overdoses:</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Suspected Fatal Overdoses:</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Naloxone:</b>	<b>105</b>

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# Opioid Overdoses Heatmap (9.18.22 - 10.17.22)



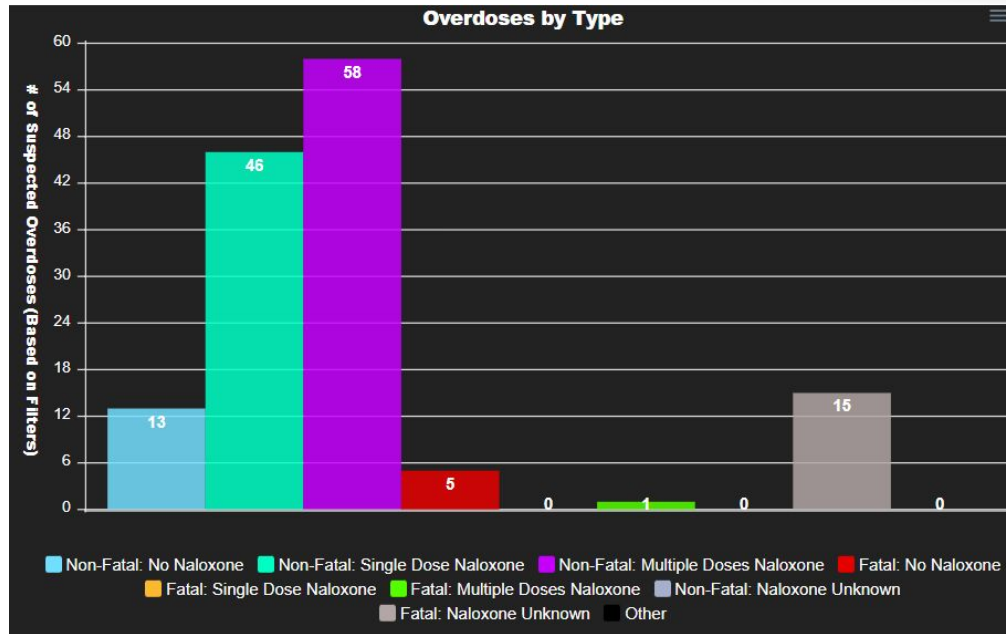
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# Overdoses by Type



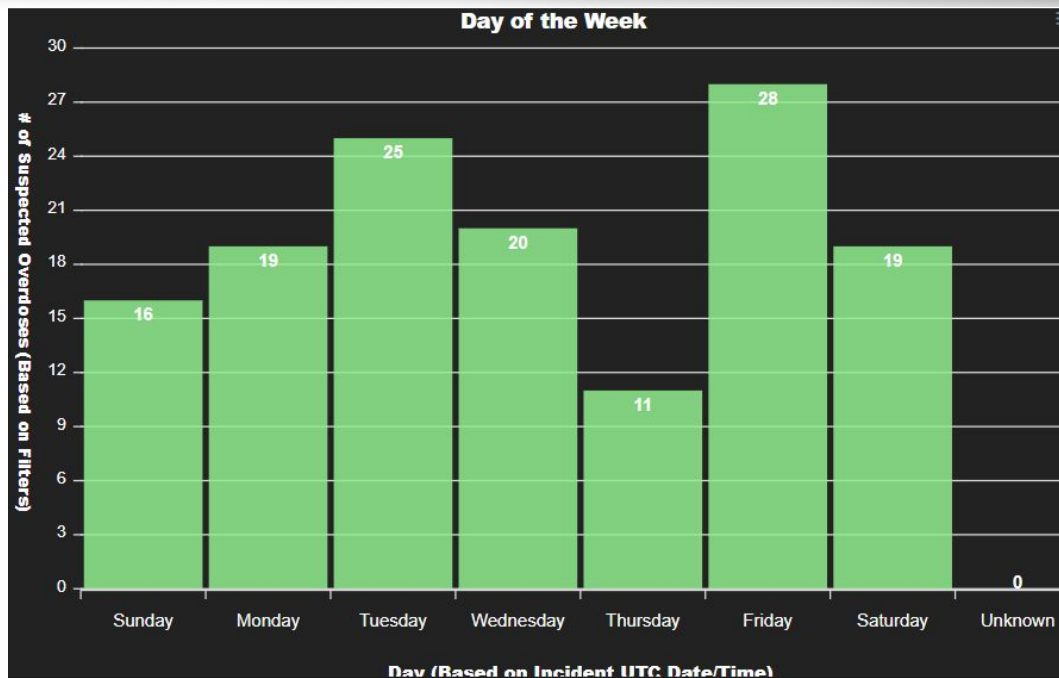
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# Overdoses by Days of the Week



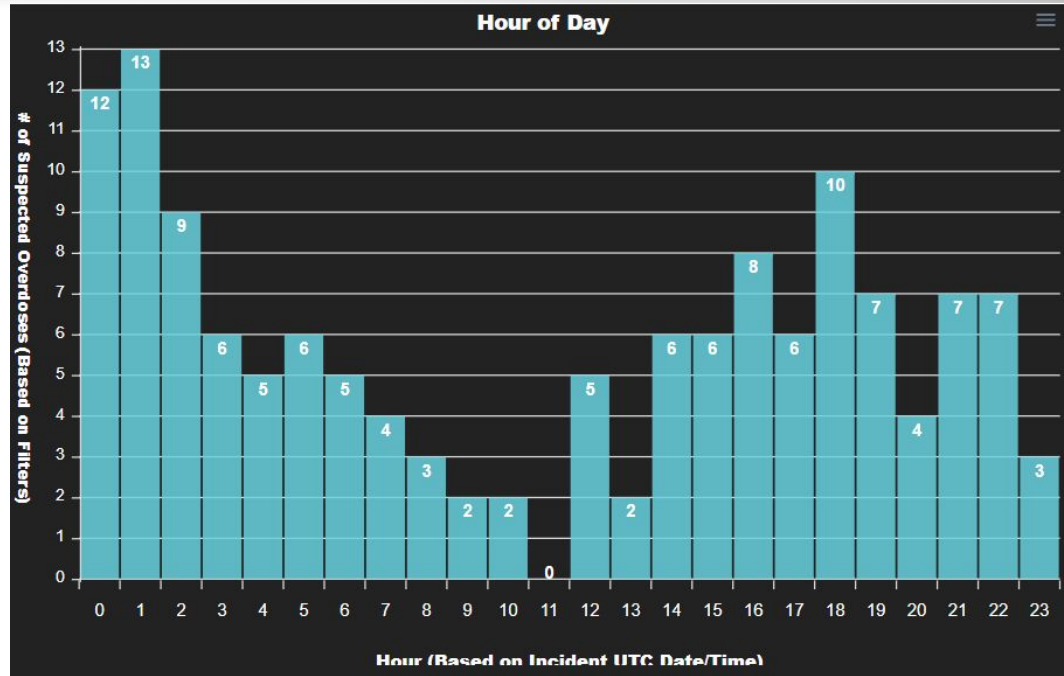
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# Overdoses by Hour of the Day



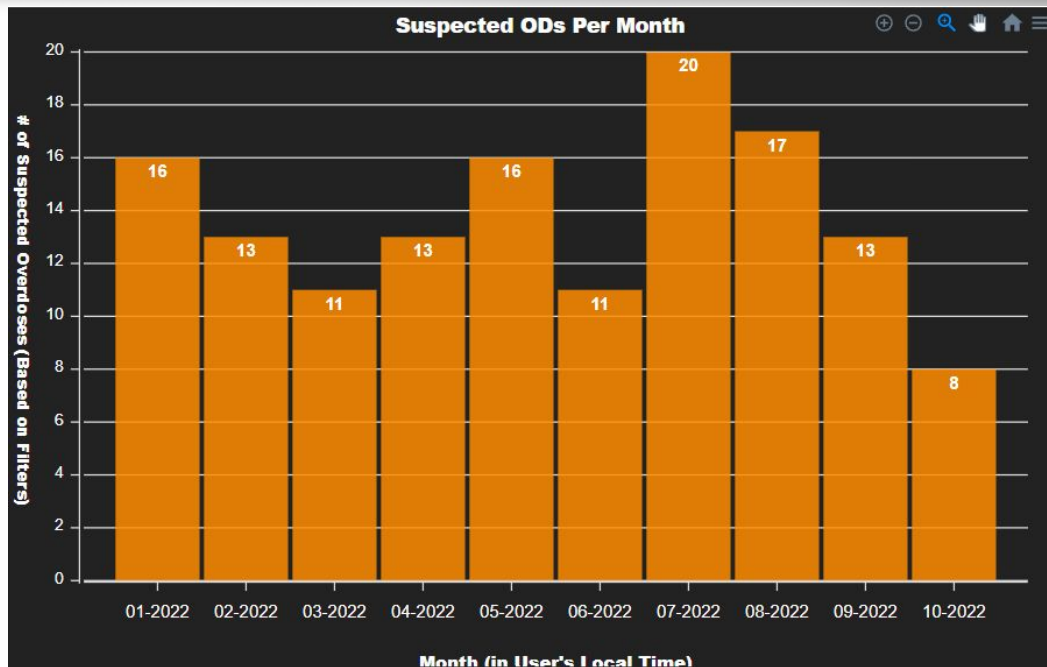
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# Overdoses per Month

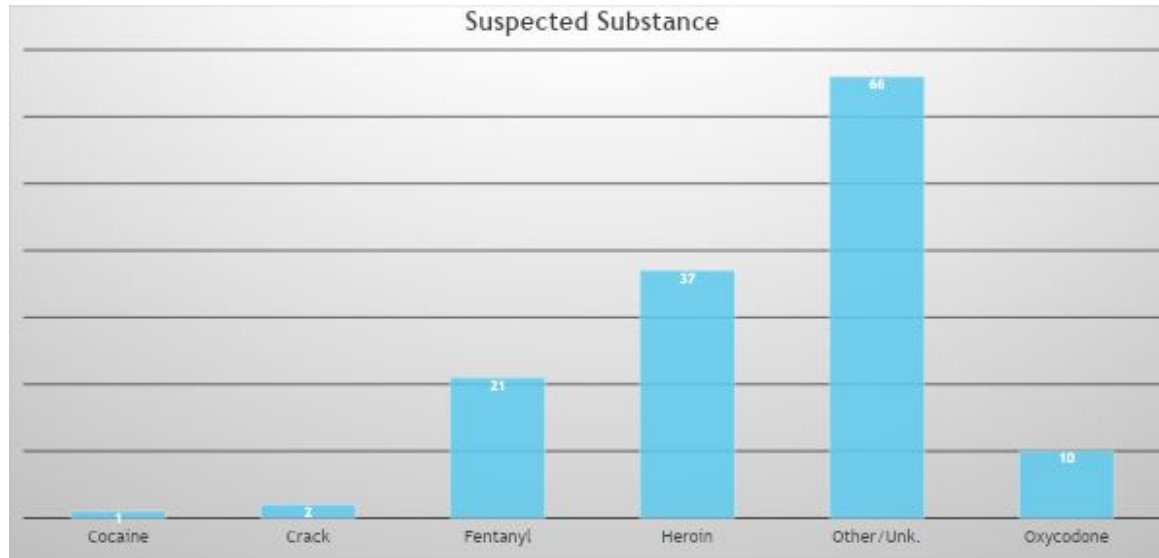


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# Suspected Drug



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# Updates

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Any member updates since our last meeting? Please share!





# Ongoing Work

# Mission Statement - Discussion

- To connect our community members that are affected by opioids through a supportive system of care.
- To improve the health and well-being of all residents in the Greater Middletown Area by reducing burdens from the current opioid epidemic through community collaboration.
- To reduce opioid use and opioid-related deaths in the Greater Middletown Area.
- To engage the Greater Middletown community in working together to promote opioid awareness, education, prevention, and treatment.
- To promote community awareness of opioid use through education, prevention, and treatment to build a healthy, safe and drug-free community.
- To mobilize community members to prevent and reduce opioid use in the Greater Middletown area.
- To encourage organizations to work collectively to help reduce opioid addiction, prevent overdose deaths, and improve the quality of life in the Greater Middletown area.



# Vision Statement - Discussion

- Together we will end opioid abuse.
- A community working together to help people with opioid challenges.
- People helping people with opioid challenges.
- A health and safe community, free of substance misuse.





# Subcommittees

- Committee sign-ups to date
- Other members are welcome to join! (please add your name and preferred committee(s) in the chat)

Intervention (including Harm Reduction)	Education & Prevention	Resource Awareness	Access to SUD Treatment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Matyka, Rushford</li> <li>• Andrew Penna, BHcare</li> <li>• Robin Ross, Ministerial Health Fellowship</li> <li>• Maryellen Shuckerow, St. Vincent de Paul Middletown</li> <li>• Jim Woron, Middletown Fire Department</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alie Bates, Rushford</li> <li>• Sarah Gadsby, River Valley Services</li> <li>• Sara Hanson, Middlesex Community College</li> <li>• Robin Ross, Ministerial Health Fellowship</li> <li>• Mel Tavares, Victory Church</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leanna Basque, Middletown Dept. of Health</li> <li>• Sara Hanson, Middlesex Community College</li> <li>• Pam Kelly, Ministerial Health Fellowship</li> <li>• Jessica Matyka, Rushford</li> <li>• Andrew Penna, BHcare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mui Mui Hin-McCormick, Rushford</li> <li>• Alex Looney, Community Health Center</li> <li>• Melissa Monroe, Rushford</li> <li>• Barry Richardson, CCAR</li> <li>• <i>Meeting set for 10/28!</i></li> </ul>

- Next steps:
  - Setting up meetings - status?
  - Subcommittee chair/co-chairs?
  - Development of purpose statements?



# On The Horizon

## Additional “To Do” List

- Website development
- Other ideas?





# Member Spotlight

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**Jay Woron**

Fire Chief

Middletown Fire Department

[John.Woron@MiddletownCT.Gov](mailto:John.Woron@MiddletownCT.Gov)



# Member Spotlight

**Michael Small**

Detective

Middletown Police Department





# Announcements

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## Harm Reduction and Treatment Strategies for People Who Use Fentanyl

Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

Wednesday, October 26 | 1:00 - 2:00pm ET

Many people use fentanyl, whether by choice or by accident. With overdose-related deaths continuing to rise, how do we keep people safe? This first session in our webinar series on fentanyl will focus on harm reduction strategies and treatment options for people who use fentanyl. We will hear from a harm reduction expert and a clinician on key strategies and opportunities to center people who use drugs and save lives.

[Learn more](#)

Posted In: Overdose Prevention Strategies

Tagged: MAT, fentanyl, harm reduction, event

<https://nopn.org/webinars/harm-reduction-and-treatment-strategies-for-people-who-use-fentanyl/>



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# Announcements



The graphic is a promotional poster for the National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit 2022. It features a light blue background with a pattern of white dots and circles. On the left, the text reads: "OVERDOSE PREVENTION LEADERSHIP SUMMIT", "SAVE \$100 WITH EARLY BIRD PRICING", "Register by October 31", "45+ SPEAKERS • VIRTUAL EVENT", and "Produced by". Below this are logos for the Public Health Institute, Health Department, Overdose Prevention Network, and Dialogue 4 Health. On the right, there is a green and blue curved banner containing three speaker portraits and names: Karen Scott, MD, MPH; Regina Labelle, JD; and Joshua A. Barocas, MD. At the top right, the hashtag #NOPLS2022 and the website overdoseladerships Summit.org are listed.

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## National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit 2022

Tuesday, December 6 | Wednesday, December 7

The wait is over! We are pleased to share that registration is open for the National Overdose Prevention Leadership Summit (NOPLS). Take advantage of early bird pricing and register by October 31 to save \$100!

Join this virtual event on December 6-7 and hear from 45+ speakers on real solutions to the overdose crisis that bridge justice, health care, and public health sectors. Visit our [website](https://overdoseladerships Summit.org/) for the latest agenda and speaker info.

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### Fentanyl & Overdose Prevention

In 2021, more than 71,000 people died from synthetic opioid-related drug overdose in the United States according to provisional data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Recent data suggest that number continues to increase each year.

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is up to 50 times stronger than heroin and 100 times stronger than morphine. Fentanyl is a major contributor to drug overdose deaths. Based on preliminary 2021 data, there were 6,843 opioid-related overdose deaths in California; 5,722 of these deaths were related to fentanyl. In 2021, there were 224 fentanyl-related overdose deaths among teens, ages 15-19 years old, in California.

Recently, brightly colored fentanyl, referred to as "rainbow" fentanyl, has begun circulating in illegal markets. "Rainbow" fentanyl can be found in many forms, including pills, powders, and blocks that can resemble sidewalk chalk or candy. Regardless of appearance or color, any pill that does not come from a health care provider or pharmacist could contain fentanyl and be deadly.

Knowledge can save lives and stop drug overdose.

- **Know the signs of an overdose:**
  - Small, constricted "pinpoint pupils"
  - Falling asleep or losing consciousness

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/Communications-Toolkits/Fentanyl-Overdose-Prevention.aspx>



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# Any Additional Announcements?



# Next Meeting

- Wednesday, November 16, 12pm, Zoom

